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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

NOTIFICATIONS

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S.O. 4396.—The following draft of a notification which the Central Government, after considering the recommendations of the Export Inspection Council in this behalf, proposes to issue under section 6 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 (22 of 1963), is hereby published for general information as required by sub-rule (6) of rule 11 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Rules, 1964. Notice is hereby given that the said draft will be taken into consideration on or after the 29th January, 1965, and that any objection or suggestion with respect to the same received before the aforesaid date will be considered by the Central Government.

Draft Notification

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 (22 of 1963), the Central Government, after consulting the Export Inspection Council, being of opinion that it is necessary and expedient so to do for the development of the export trade of India hereby—

- (1) notifies that fish and fish products shall be subject to quality control and inspection prior to export;
- (2) specifies the inspection in accordance with the Export of Fish and Fish Products (Inspection) Rules, 1964, as the type of inspection which will be applied to fish and fish products prior to their export;
- (3) recognises the specifications as set out in the Annexure to this notification as the standard specifications for fish and fish products; and
- (4) prohibits the export in course of international trade of fish and fish products unless the same is accompanied by a certificate issued by the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Ernakulam, to the effect that the fish and fish products are export worthy in accordance with the Export of Fish and Fish Products (Inspection) Rules, 1964.

2. Nothing in this notification shall apply to export by sea, land or air of samples of fish and fish products to prospective buyers, provided such samples are not in excess of the following quantities.

- (a) canned prawns (shrimp) 5 kg.
- (b) frozen prawns (shrimp) 10 kg.

3. In this notification "fish and fish products" shall mean:—

- (i) prawns (shrimp) canned in brine, and
- (ii) frozen prawns (shrimp) of the following four types, namely:—
 - (a) Whole;
 - (b) Headless Shell-On;
 - (c) Peeled and De-veined; and
 - (d) Cooked.

4. This notification shall come into force on the 1st February, 1965.

ANNEXURE

(A) SPECIFICATIONS FOR FROZEN PRAWNS (SHRIMPS)

Serial No.	Characteristic	REQUIREMENT FOR							
		Whole type and Headless Shell-on type		Peeled and De-veined Type		Cooked Type			
		Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 1	Grade 2		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
(i)	Colour of shell	.	.	Natural colour characteristic of freshly caught prawn.	Slightly dim or faded.
(ii)	Colour of flesh	.	.	Characteristic of freshly caught	Slightly dis-coloured	Characteristic white colour	Faded or slightly yellowish	Characteristic colour	Slightly faded colour
(iii)	Black discolouration of shell or meat	Nil.	At the shell joints only.	Nil.	Nil.
(iv)	Texture of meat	.	.	Firm and consistent	Not mashy but tending to become loose	Firm and consistent	Slightly mashy but not loose	Firm and consistent	Firm but breaking into pieces when pressed between the fingers
(v)	Odour	.	.	Characteristic odour of freshly caught prawn.	Absence of any off odour	Absence of any off odour	Absence of any off odour	Odour of freshly caught and cooked prawns	Absence of any off odour

The material shall be free from dirt, insect or hair or other extraneous matter and from any poisonous and deleterious substances.

NOTE:—Any special characteristic specified in the export contract shall also be complied with if the exporter so desires.

(B) SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRAWNS (SHRIMP) CANNED IN BRINE

- (i) The contents of the can on opening shall present a good appearance and shall not display any appreciable disintegration. Pieces from which portions have separated out would be treated as disintegrated units. The proportion of disintegrated portions of prawns, calculated on the basis of the drained weight, shall not exceed 5 per cent, by weight, based on the average of 5 cans.
- (ii) The brine shall be clear and not discoloured and shall not jell when stored at low temperature (above 4°C).
- (iii) The surface of the prawns shall not appear slimy to the touch. The meat shall be soft but firm and shall not crumble to granular form when pressed between the fingers.
- (iv) The prawn pieces shall not be pressed together and it should be possible to separate the pieces easily. The pieces shall be of uniform size and shall be clean and free from loose hanging pieces of meat.
- (v) The material shall have the odour and flavour of freshly caught and cooked prawn meat and shall be free from any undesirable odour. The material shall be free from scorched, bitter or any objectionable flavour.
- (vi) The material shall be free from a pale bleached colour with a greenish-yellow tint indicative of pre-processed spoilage or a deep red colouration indicative of post-processed spoilage. The material shall be free from any black discolouration.
- (vii) The material shall be free from dirt, insect or hair or other extraneous matter. It shall be free from bits of veins, shell particles and pieces of appendages.
- (viii) The material shall be free from any poisonous and deleterious substances.

NOTE.—Any special characteristic specified in the export contract shall also be complied with if the exporter so desires.

[No. 60(14) Exp. Insp/63.]

S.O. 4397.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 (22 of 1963) the Central Government hereby recognises the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Ernakulam, as the agency for inspection of fish and fish products prior to export.

Explanation.—In this notification fish and fish products shall mean:—

- (i) prawns (shrimp) canned in brine, and
- (ii) frozen prawns (shrimp) of the following four types, namely:—
 - (a) Whole;
 - (b) Headless Shell-on;
 - (c) Peeled and De-veined; and
 - (d) Cooked.

[No. 60(14) Exp. Insp/63.]

S.O. 4398.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 17 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 (22 of 1963), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:—

1. (1) **Short title and commencement.**—These rules may be called the Export of Fish and Fish Products (Inspection) Rules, 1964.

(2) They shall come into force on the 1st February, 1965.

2. **Definition.**—In these rules "Fish and Fish Products" mean:—

- (i) prawns (shrimp) canned in brine, and
- (ii) frozen prawns (shrimp) of the following four types, namely:—
 - (a) Whole;
 - (b) Headless Shell-on;
 - (c) Peeled and De-veined; and
 - (d) Cooked.

3. **Basis of Inspection.**—Inspection of fish and fish products shall be carried out with a view to seeing that the fish and fish products conform to the specifications recognised by the Central Government under section 6 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 (22 of 1963).

4. **Procedure for Inspection.**—Exporters intending to export fish and fish products shall give intimation to the Director of Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Ernakulam, of all such consignments of fish and fish products to enable

him to examine or cause to be examined such consignments to see that these conform to the specifications recognized by the Central Government referred to in rule 3.

(2) Every intimation under sub-rule (1) shall be given not less than 72 hours before the scheduled time of loading the consignment of fish and fish products in the ship, vehicle or aircraft as the case may be.

(3) On receipt of the intimation referred to in sub-rule (2), the Director of Central Institute and Fisheries Technology, Ernakulam, shall arrange to carry out the necessary examination to satisfy himself that the consignment of fish and fish products complies with the requirements of the recognised specification.

(4) After satisfying himself that the consignment of fish and fish products has complied with the said requirements, he shall issue a certificate declaring the consignment as export worthy.

5. **Place of examination.**—Examination for purposes of these rules shall be carried out either;

(a) at the premises at which the goods are offered by the exporter provided adequate facilities for the purpose exist therein; or

(b) at any Government Technological Laboratory situated at the port of export.

6. **Appeal.**—(1) Any person aggrieved by the refusal of the Director, Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Ernakulam, to issue a certificate under rule 4 may, within ten days of receipt of communication of such refusal, prefer an appeal to a panel of experts consisting of not less than three persons, constituted by the Central Government.

(2) The decision of the panel in such appeal shall be final.

7. **Inspection fees.**—The following fees shall be charged for examination of fish and fish products under these rules:

(a) Prawns (shrimp) canned—1 paise per kg.

(b) Prawns (shrimp) frozen—1.5 paise per kg.

[No. 60(14) Exp. Insp./62.]

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